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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: BENNETT-PARK MEETING NOVEMBER 5

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1. AMB BENNETT CALLED ON AMB PARK NOONTIME NOV 5 PER REFTTEL. PARK, WHO HAD BEEN BRIEFED BEFOREHAND ON BASIS USUN STWFF'S EARLIER APPROACH TO COUNSELOR HAM, INDICATED SATISFACTION WITH OUR PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH HE SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED REPORT OF HABIB-KIM NOV 5 CONVERSATION. PARK STRESSED, AS HE HAD LAST WEEK, ROK DESIRE TO AVOID NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION IN FIRST COMITE AND WELCOMED OUR INITIATIVE AS SERVING THIS DESIRE.

2. PARK DID SUGGEST WE CONSIDER ADVANTAGE OF APPROACH TO CHINESE BY UK IN NEW YORK PARALLELING OUR WASH APPROACH. PARK SAID HE FELT "ENGAGING" UK AT THIS STAGE WOULD BE USEFUL IN VIEW OF CHINESE EARLIER APPROACH TO UK, UK'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH PRC AND USSR AND OF UK'S INITIATIVE LAST WEEK IN SURFACING A DRAFT MERGED RESOLUTION.

3. PARK ALSO SUGGESTED WE CONSIDER, IN OUR INITIAL APPROACH TO CHINESE IN WASH, ADVISABILITY OF CASTING OUR WILLINGNESS TO DELETE MEMBERSHIP PARA AS CONDITIONAL ON POSITIVE CHINESE RESPONSE; FOR EXAMPLE, WILLINGNESS TO DROP HOSTILE RES'S PARA ON FOREIGN TROOPS.
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4. AMB BENNETT PROMISED TO REPORT BOTH SUGGESTIONS.

5. BENNETT AND PARK AGREED THAT WORD OF OUR PLANNED APPROACH TO CHINESE SHOULD BE CONVEYED IMMEDIATELY TO OTHER KEY ROK

SUPPORTERS BUT THAT, PENDING ARRIVAL OF FONMIN KIM, THIS
WOULD BE DONE NOV 5 BY BENNETT ON BILATERAL BASIS TO WORKING
GROUP PRINCIPALS RATHER THAN IN MEETING OF WORKING GROUP.
MEETING OF WG MIGHT THEN FOLLOW FONMIN KIM'S ARRIVAL LATE
EVENING NOV 5. COMMENT: PARK'S STAFF AFTERWARD MADE CLEAR TO
US THAT, ALTHOUGH PARK HAD NO INHIBITIONS ABOUT FRANK DIS-
CUSSIONS WITH USUN AT THIS STAGE, PARK QUITE RELUCTANT TO
MEET IN GROUP WITH OTHER WG PRINCIPALS, NOTABLY JAPANESE,
BEFORE TALKING WITH KIM. PARK ALSO MADE NO BONES ABOUT HIS
CONCERN ABOUT PREMATURE TOKYO PRESS LEAKS. END COMMENT
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